RESTORING THE BALANCE OF POWER

It is a good thing once in a while for us progressives on this continent to realize that our fight for peace and civil rights is conditioned by what goes on outside this continent. It is the power of the socialist bloc of nations, and that alone which permits us to exist. The focal point of the immediate peace effort is elsewhere. By peace we mean simply an easement of the tension, which has stretched men's sanity to the limit since 1945, through the re-establishment of the balance of power glimpsed at Teheran and effected very briefly at San Francisco with the setting up of the UN with its veto built in to protect that balance.

The balance was threatened by the Fulton speech, by the containment and roll-back policies, by the Marshall plan, NATO, ANZUS and the rest. It was broken in Korea. The Korean war was launched under the auspices of a "United Nations" which had lost its balance. It was not a united world that started the Korean war. It was one side of a divided world. The truth of the war was unconcernedly blurted out by our press and pulpit: it was an anti-Communist war. This revealed it in its true light. It was a push from the capitalist side of the balance of power, to test the other side, the Communist side and to see whether it could be made to cave in.

The balance was redressed when the Chinese drove MacArthur down from the Yalu. But it was not rebroken, as it would have been had the Chinese pressed the advantage and pushed further south. Evidently the Chinese were not interested in upsetting or breaking the balance of power from their side. China simply held the US in statu quo ante 1950, thus restoring the balance of power. When China enters the UNO then the reality of balance will have been recognized among the nations.

It is that reality which Roosevelt and Churchill recognized at Teheran and which caused such premature rejoicing among certain leftist partisans. It is that reality, that balance between the powers representing Communism and the powers representing capitalism which was threatened by the above-mentioned Western declarations and maneuvers. That balance, the only hope of the pacification we are here talking about, was ignored to the extent that, and as rapidly as, the US detonated atom bombs.

It was the self-infatuation due to the possession of a monopoly of the big weapon that set off the train of events leading from Fulton to Korea. The bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki not only brought death and life-long poisoning to tens of thousands of innocent Japanese people. They introduced a worse poison into the minds and hearts of Western rulers. They brought to them what they thought was absolute power and when one side has absolute power there can be no thought of a balance of power. From the advent of this weapon the West treated the UN as a farce. From then on the bomb was the UN. And as one American statesman said, the UN was the US.

It was in obedience to this poison that Secretary Dulles unleashed Rhee on the North Koreans.

During this whole period the most we progressives could do was to watch and wait while what Jessica Smith calls "the realities of history" gradually reduced the Western infatuation. The chief of these realities being simply the growth in physical power of that side of the divided world which wants to re-establish the balance of power. Another reality being the economic reasonableness of East-West trade. Another being the growing reluctance of certain Western nations to hypothecate their very existence in exchange for a mythical "salvation" from the Reds.

The critical secondary factor in the defeat of Dulles at Geneva was Britain's turn-down of his bid to enter the Indo-China war. Other factors were primary, chiefly and insistently, the moral and military power of the socialist peoples.

According to the "agonizing re-appraisal" of American policy, threatened by Dulles last year, the agony would be France's. She would lose Indo-China, not to the Indo-Chinese, but to the US. And in fact her homeland might be bombed, not by the USSR, but by the US. We need not be shocked. These and other harsh "for-the-good-of-mankind" plans are in the Pandora Dulles box, ready to be let loose. Dulles, within the limits of his own career, is not a tragic figure. He fulfills himself consistently.

For those Americans, however, who are true to America's great tradition, the advent of such an agent of organized greed in the role of pilot of the US State Department is tragic indeed. Yet there he is, with the benediction of the powerful National Council of Churches.

A coming together of many circumstances including a powerful combination of cultural, business, and religious forces, make it extremely unlikely that the American democracy could have found within itself the mora initiative to overthrow the war party now riding hell for leather in the U

What will overthrow it is its own ineptitude and the consequent fallin away of its allies who now begin to realize that they are expendable.

The danger is that the war party, finding themselves isolated, may strike out blindly in a berserk rage, somewhat as the Nazis struck out whe their cue came to leave the stage of history. For it must be remembered that these war-makers are conspirators and know one another's secrets. For instance, while Rhee remains alive Dulles cannot breathe easily, for Rhee has the power to blast Dulles out of public life any moment it pleases him to do it. And that contingency follows Dulles and influences every move h makes. It could be the thing that would cause Dulles to precipitate a gen eral war whose dust and ruin would hide the local (Korean) war he instigat

"Nobody that I have heard of," said Lippmann in a recent column, "thin that we could now enter the war the French have lost and win it in their place." And then on the 24th of May came a dispatch from Paris telling us that the US had handed France a plan to install an American Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China, send US naval and air forces into the fight, with foo soldiers from the Philippines and Thailand, and providing that the three French colonies, Viet-Nam, Cambodia, and Laos be given absolute independence. Here is the pattern of the US take-over of S.E. Asia whose "grand design" will sooner or later embrace other colonial possessions as well. The plan is as crude as the statement of the US Secretary of State which preceded it, that the free world (US) can't afford to lose the tin, rubber etc. in those regions. President Eisenhower had previously suggested that a S.E. Asian "defensive" alliance may be feasible without Britain's adherence. Long ago it became evident that the rulers of America would at thei convenience jettison the interests of Britain and France in the realistic struggle for world mastery.

The President's suggestion caused "widespread and acute" concern on upper levels of the British government. (NY Times, May 20, 1954). This latest proposal to throw out the French command in Indo-China will not lessen the concern.

The end of Luce's dream is in sight. This means that the opportunity for more effective intervention in affairs by progressives on this continent will come upon them with great suddenness when the war fever has run its course and when the great tasks of peace will fall upon the shoulders of our people. These tasks will be world-wide, for once restored to sanity the US will be welcomed in the give-and-take of world family relationships.

Even now we should be anticipating these tasks and planning for them; even now when we must depend on others to pull us out of the mire. We are almost out.

Think of the contrast between the Churchill of a decade ago who called the Russians termites and the Churchill who yesterday spoke of them as follows:

> "...we should establish with Russia links which, in spite of all distractions, perils and contradictions, would convince the Russian people and the Soviet Government that we wish them peace, happiness and ever increasing prosperity and enrichment of life in their own mighty land, and that we long to see them play a proud and splendid part in the guidance of the human race."

CLARIFYING THE NEWS

By Louise Harding

ndo-China:

There has been much talk by Eisenhower and his backers and underlings, f "Communist aggression" in that land. We learn that Indo-China, except or the large cities, has not been safe for the French militarists for a ong time--on account of guerrilla troops, who could not exist, of course, ithout the peoples' support. In the districts controlled by the Vietminh orces, schools have been established and land reform inaugurated, thus eeting popular demand. China, a next-door neighbor, supports the new re- ime, which is friendly to her. The China Lobby demands that US help hiang and Rhee troops to invade the country in support of the old, ex- loiting regime: US has already equipped them heavily with war materiel.

Before the fall of Dien Bien Phu, we read that the besiegers put up igns urging surrender, in foreign languages - among them Spanish: ob- iously, Franco troops were among the garrison. It was known to comprise emnants of the Nazi armies. We learned from a NY Times item of Apr. 28 hat "Hundreds of American flyers with considerable wartime experience are illing to fly fighters and bombers in Indo-China for about $25,000 a year.

Who are the invaders of Indo-China? Who are the aggressors?

The reactionary press sings praises to the French imperialists for heir "valiant defense" of Dien Bien Phu, saying that they were out-num- ered and that the Vietminh troops were in "overwhelming" force. San rancisco Chronicle even asserts that they were four to one; but Gen. avarre, in a talk to the press after the fortress fell, said that in five onths a dozen battalions had fixed and contained more than 30 Vietminh attalions. To attack a strongly fortified position, whose soldiers held reat superiority in arms, that is no "overwhelming" proportion. But the ationals of Indo-China who were fighting for the new regime, did not have o depend on mercenaries.

orea:

Richard Nixon, boosted into political power by the aid of the China obby, says Indo-China needs another Rhee. In regard to whom, it may be oted that John W. Staggers landed in San Francisco, May 5, after a two- onths' stay in Korea as a guest of Syngman Rhee, whose legal adviser he as been for more than 30 years. A San Francisco Chronicle reporter in- erviewed Staggers, and his article headed "Rhee Called Still Ready for ar" declares:

> The long-time legal adviser to Syngman Rhee has indicated that the Korean President was still willing to start a war for the uni- fication of his country.
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> "I am certain that President Rhee will not throw us into a third world war without exhausting every peaceful means known to mankind," (Staggers) told a press conference here recently.
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> Did he mean that military action on the part of Rhee's government would lead to World War III?
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> "Probably," he replied.

How goes democracy in the "free nation" of South Korea? Here is news rom Seoul, April 27, AP:

> The strongest opposition party in South Korea last night threat- ened to walk out on the May 20 National Assembly elections, charging "police interference."
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> The headquarters of the Democratic Nationalist party charged there was "a lack of a free democratic atmosphere" and said it might with- draw its slate of 89 candidates for the National Assembly.
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> Supporters of National Assembly Vice Chairman Cho Bong Am said Cho was blocked from seeking re-election because "hoodlums" kept them from filing his nomination petition at Pusan before the Sunday dead- line. Cho is one of President Syngman Rhee's bitterest political foes. He is an independent.
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> There was no comment from Rhee's Liberal party.

Howbeit, another item from Seoul, same date, says

> US Envoy Arthur Dean met yesterday with President Syngman Rhee an reportedly assured him the United States would stand firm with Sout Korea at Geneva.

The readers of Mark Gayn, and of Professor McCune, know what those "free" elections in Korea have been in the past - held under supervision of the "United" Nations as they were. They were a farce; and any so held at the present time would be even more so, after "UN" troops have devastated the north and driven a great proportion of the people out, to suffe and die in Rhee's American-backed concentration camps.

Determined Ignorance:

It is significant that there has been such widespread and determined ignoring of the confession of Rhee's present envoy to "UN", Ben C. Limb, that the United States started the Korean war.

After Limb had said this, at a radio conference, the well-known attorney, Mr. Fyke Farmer, sent a representative to the broadcasting studio, wh asked to have the Limb record played back. Unfortunately, just before reaching the point where Limb said US and UN started the war, and that the allies will repeat the performance when Rhee gets ready to attack again, it was discovered that the record had been damaged, just there, and it was impossible to proceed further!

The persevering Mr. Farmer sought a copy of the early edition of NY Times of June 26, 1950, wherein many persons read that a statement sent ou of Seoul (which appears to have been made by the same Limb) alleged that i the early morning hours of June 25, Rhee's forces had got into Haeju, nort of the parallel. No such copy was on file in the office of The Times. But in the San Francisco public library, carefully preserved under glass, ther is a doctored version, which has been seen by your scribe, changing the date on this item by inserting it under the opening paragraphs of another Seoul dispatch dated June 26!

In New York, May 8, Harry Truman spoke of congressional investigations that could lead to "legislative dictatorship". That's great, that Truman should speak of dictatorship, after what he did about Korea, when he shoved the United States into a war where people were struggling to emancipate themselves from economic slavery: Truman unhesitatingly acted by himself, to carry out the wishes of Monopoly Capital. Dictatorship!

The occasion for the Truman outbreak was a dinner given by the Harry S. Truman Library Committee at the Waldorf-Astoria: price $70 per plate; proceeds to go toward construction of the library to house Mr. Truman's papers. This reminds your scribe that Truman certainly seems to have some papers that do NOT belong to him. For, when Atty. Farmer sought to inspect, in Washington, the documents, Legally belonging in the national archives, whereby Truman gave orders to put US forces into the Korean War, lo and behold, it was impossible to locate them. They were gone like the wind. Will they turn up in the new library? One can't wager very much on that.

US Liberals Attacked:

Lately, these Notes mentioned that J.E. Hoover, head of the US secret police, had denounced this country's liberals - "pseudo-liberals", he sneered. Forward (Glasgow) Apr. 24, has an article on McCarthy, by G.M. Thomson, M.P. Mentioning the enormous financial backing of the Wisconsin senator by Texas oilmen and others, reference is made to E.M. Biggers, rich rancher:

> "Biggers sums up their (the McCarthyites) sinister philosophy." He told the 'Milwaukee Journal' bluntly that the only danger he saw for America was "being swallowed up by liberalism, socialism or whatever you want to call it."
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> "I don't worry about Russia," he said. "We could shut them up in 48 hours. Just give 'em an ultimatum."
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> If Senator McCarthy were ever to reach the White House, it is men with views like these who would pull the strings behind the folksy facade with which he would conceal his home-spun brand of American fascism.

aid Vanderbilt, "Public Opinion Be Damned":

This writer has surmised from earthquakes and tornadoes that the April 2 H-Bomb explosion was held as scheduled, but in secrecy. This opinion s confirmed by an item appearing in San Mateo (Calif.) Times (but not in an Francisco Chronicle). It was published in San Mateo Times May 7, and uotes AP from Tokyo:

> Two Japanese scientists said today the United States apparently exploded a fourth hydrogen bomb at Bikini between April 25 and 27. They said their estimate was based on Geiger counter tests of rain which fell this week on widely separated areas of Japan.
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> Prof. Yasushi Nishiwaki of Osaka medical university said rain which fell in Osaka, about 300 miles s.w. of Tokyo, yesterday was many times more radio-active than rain tested Monday.
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> Nishiwaki said there was a similar sharp increase in the radio-activity of rain 12 days after the second H-bomb test March 26 and 12 days after the third test April 6.
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> Dr. Hironobu Watanabe of Niigata university said rain which fell in Niigata, about 100 miles north of Tokyo, Monday and Tuesday, showed a sharp increase in radio-activity. Watanabe's theory is that it takes about a week for atomic particles to reach Niigata, roughly 2500 miles northwest of Bikini. "Therefore the new radio-activity is believed to have been caused by a fourth H-bomb test that took place in Bikini on April 26 or 27," he said.

In regard to the foregoing, it may be noted that the people of USA have lso been kept in ignorance of the explosion of April 6. Your reporter earned of it through an item in Pacific Tribune (Vancouver), published ay 7. This commenced with a statement that on the night of March 1 (the uncontrollable" explosion took place on that date) an earth tremor occurred in South Australia, at 3:30 a.m., So. Australian time.

> The Japanese fishermen who were showered by the H-bomb ashes say they saw the explosion at "about 3 a.m."
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> The reason given in Australia for the earth tremor was displacement of a rock layer along a fault line beneath the earth's surface.
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> On Apr. 7 Australian papers announced another tremor and landslide in So. Australia on the previous day. They reported that the US had tested a "thermo-nuclear device" on the same day.
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> It was announced by British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill that the March 1 hydrogen bomb explosion had been recorded on a seismograph in Australia - but, although the earth tremor took place during the same night, there was no record of two movements. The indication is, therefore, that the two events were associated.

Thus we see the workings of US "democracy". While people from one nd of the country to the other are writing in to Washington to demand an nd to these horrible "tests", citizens are not even told when they take lace. (British opinion, too, is flouted). Who is responsible? Ray ucker (McClure Newspaper Synd.) said (San Mateo Times, Apr. 26) that Adiral Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of AEC, is largely responsible. "But he as the support of the joint congressional committee on atomic energy in is stand."

he Public Be Bombed:

Mr. Strauss (self-pronounced Straws), it will be remembered, has past(?) ockefeller-Kuhn Loeb connections. He is the individual who, with Truman, ompelled the atom scientists to fall in line for the H-bomb, when former hairman Lilienthal (we now learn, after all this time) resigned because, e said, he had a deep conviction the Bomb was wrong. This information as gleaned by your scribe from a British paper.

hat About the Chromium Bomb?

After the March 1 explosion, we were told that because of that explosion it was known that the C-bomb was practicable. How was it known? as some new element involved; and would that account for the windshield itting? If so, how would such a substance affect human lungs?

San Diego, April 29, AP: An earthquake centered somewhere on the west coast of Mexico early today was the strongest recorded here in 13 years.

Berkeley, Calif., same date: Two major earthquakes centered off the west coast of Mexico made buildings creak early today in San Diego..... California seismologists placed center of the quakes in the Gulf of California.....Don Tocher, assistant seismologist, said the tremors were so severe the recordings ran into each other, making it difficult to determine the exact area affected. In New York, seismographs at Columbia and Fordham universities recorded the shocks.

Oklahoma City, AP, May 3: Damage estimates range up to a million dollars today in the wake of tornadoes and floods which hit Oklahoma over the weekend, taking four lives and injuring at least 64. Latest reports showe twisters were seen at, or struck, 29 communities. A fifth death was indirectly caused by the twister...

May 3, p.m., by radio: At LeGrand, Oregon, hundreds of birds fell dea The remarkable explanation was given that they had eaten frozen vegetables (Probably gave them a chill - LH)

May 4, San Mateo Times disclosed that two residents of San Bernardino, Calif., have filed in federal court a joint $200,000 damage suit against the federal government, charging that they suffered injuries from atomic dust generated in tests at Yucca Flats, Nev., last year. They are Elma Machelprang, who then lived in Utah, and Dewey A. Hortt, at that time a resident of Mesquite, Nev. They alleged that the atomic dust caused them serious physical injuries, nervous shock and disability.

This was an AP item, which was not found by your reporter in San Francisco Chronicle; neither did it publish a UP telephoto of Mrs. Machelprang showing her, first, with a beautiful head of hair, and second, bereft of much of it. The photo appeared in San Francisco News, May 5.

Lewis L. Strauss (Straws) was quoted by UP, Apr. 28 as saying that "world atomic supremacy" has cost American taxpayers $11,000,000 since 1947. (And then they didn't get it! - LH)

In the Ray Tucker item of Apr. 26, referred to above, it is stated tha

> The present system of rigid secrecy has (the disadvantage) of preventing the American people from taking seriously the awful destruction from an atomic or hydrogenic drenching and it keeps them from making any real preparations for such a catastrophe.

How much "preparation" is possible may be gathered from the very recen announcement that the department of defense against the Bombs is preparing to remove itself to Denver, in the center of the country. It is explained that these officials, like officers in an army, must protect their own safety in order to be on hand to direct rescue operations, etc.! Unfortunately, the people of this (endangered) vicinity of San Francisco, Calif., are not able to follow their heroic leaders in this flight.

Calling a Stop:

Professor Lewis Mumford writes to NY Times:

> "Only courage and intelligence of the highest order, backed by open discussion, will give us the strength to turn back from the suicidal path we have blindly followed since 1942. Are there not enough Americans still possessed of their sanity to call a stop to these irrational decisions which are automatically bringing us close to a total catastrophe?"

How can people discuss matters on which they are not even fully informed? And what force will compel the madmen in Washington and New York to listen to sanity?

At a press conference in Washington, May 5, Eisenhower appealed to "free" nations (including So. Korea under Rhee, Nationalist "China" under Chiang, Spain under Franco, etc.) to force a "collective security" system to guard Southeast Asia against Communist "aggression". Says UP,

> The president emphasized in a formal statement at his news conference that there is a "general sense of urgency" to fashion the alliance because it "could have an important bearing upon what happens at Geneva during the Indochina phase of the conference."

At a meeting of the Free Discussion Club, Spokane, Wash., Apr. 11, the following was quoted from James Reston, NY Times:

"The great majority of the Indochinese people support the rebels. Their struggle for independence has more popular support among the residents of the country than our revolution of 1776 enjoyed."

Light on Guatemala:

The Wall Street crusaders for democracy have been turning their attention to the little country of Guatemala, which at last has a government that does something for the people. In the past the liege lord of Guatemala has been, of course, United Fruit Company. An excellent account of conditions thereabouts, and an expose of the conspiracy against the reform government, is contained in the March issue of Facts For Farmers, Charles J. Coe, editor (39 Cortlandt St., New York 7, N.Y., $1 per year). United Fruit Company's serfs have been working happily for an average "wage" of 26 cents a day, it seems, the great majority of the population having no land.

76% of the land owners had less than 10% of the arable land.
2.2% owned more than 70% of the land.

United Fruit has Morgan and Rockefeller backing. Some very important names are listed among the directors - one of them Robt. T. Stevens, US Secretary of Army. The Company held great tracts out of use. Guatemala put an Agrarian Reform Law into effective operation, taking over the land at the valuation placed on it by United Fruit, viz., $2 an acre, which the trust had insisted was a proper figure (when it was paying taxes). Every state, including USA, claims the right to take over land on such a basis.

Jan. 29, President Arbenz - backed by the four political parties, announced that he had documentary proof of a conspiracy planning "a large scale invasion" with US approval.

"The Guatemalan announcement was documented by photostatic copies of correspondence" admitted the NY Times, Jan. 30, which, like other US newspapers, however, refused to reprint these documents. The evidence revealed, according to the government of Guatemala, that "the plans have the acquiescence of the government of the North" (the US), that the invasion was to be launched from Nicaragua, and that "the governments of El Salvador, Santo Domingo and Venezuela" were implicated.

Cardinal Spellman also was named.

The first indication of this conspiracy by Monopoly Capital that was seen by your reporter, appeared in San Mateo Times, Oct. 22 of last year, by way of an article written by Ray Tucker. He is employed by McClure Newspaper Syndicate. (Samuel S. McClure is mentioned by George Seldes, in "1000 Americans" as being in the 1930's "a propagandist for Mussolini and Italian fascism). Tucker burst out into a wail that Guatemala's "anti-American campaign has led to virtual confiscation of the properties of the United Fruit company, Pan American airways and the International railways." "Flagrant communism", Tucker proclaimed.

United Fruit owns the one railway in the country which it has been gouging most unmercifully.

The State Dept. promptly took up the charge of Communism, although the cabinet contains no Communists and the Congress has 4 out of 56. Dulles went down to Caracas and put through a resolution supposed to be a slap at Guatemala as a faithful follower of the Kremlin.

A US reactionary radio speaker (this is practically tautology), Edwin C. Hill, speaking for Philco, said (March 26) in regard to Guatemala, that the infiltration of an idea was as dangerous as the landing of troops.

Thus our fine democrats have got down to the advocacy of thought control.

CATASTROPHE - OR PEACE

By Reginald Thompson

British war correspondent, author of "Cry Korea".

There is only one problem today of overwhelming urgency and importanc in the affairs of men. Upon its resolution hangs the survival of our civilisation. It is the question of peace.

There used to be an alternative to peace called war. It was, in many ways, an undesirable alternative but from it sprang good as well as evil, and by its potency many political problems were solved. These days are done. War has become obsolete. It will never happen again.

The horror that overhangs our civilisation is that peace has become - or will become - obsolete also.

Let there be no mistake: let there be no illusion: the atomic bomb ev without the Hydrogen bomb, upon the production of which the energies and resources of a great industrial nation are feverishly engaged, has put an end to war. Long range massacre, probably without warning, and probably anonymous, is in its place. The strategy of the West since 1945 has been based upon atomic weapons. Atomic weapons mean catastrophe, especially f this island. Each individual must face the atomic bomb, and all that it means.

Communications between Nations have largely broken down. The barrier of alien ideas expressed in alien tongues has grown to monstrous proportions. Words have become meaningless beyond narrow boundaries. The only hope of peace lies with the people; with us; with each one and all of us.

MASSACRE OF THE DEFENCELESS - I confess that the prospect is bleak, for it seems that nothing short of catastrophe will arouse the people from the apathy and despair in which they are sunk. And then it will be too late.

It is now several years since I developed, with the speed of a revelation that could not be denied, a conscientious objection to the mass annihilation of defenceless people, and even to wholesale slaughter without military necessity. In the midst of the degrading humiliation of the flight of the United States forces from the Chongchon river in 1950, when it seemed that the atomic bomb was to be unloosed once more, I knew that this way out was not for me. At last the reality of the development of war to mass annihilation of the defenceless has been brought home to me. Civilians, at first included, had become the target.

The foul face of the Twentieth Century is ravaged with the pock marks and craters of hideous crimes. If these crimes had not passed me by, they had failed also to awaken me. I knew of the monstrous bombing of Nanking by the Japanese. I knew of the mustard gas used against the Abyssinians. I knew of the massacre of tens of thousands of the defenceless in the last days of World War II. I knew about Hiroshima and Nagasaki. And, of course I knew about the gas chambers and had seen tens of thousands of my fellow men degraded below the level of beasts.

But to know was not enough. I had walked knee deep in death and destruction for years, but in Korea for the first time I knew at first hand the shame and utter horror of the indiscriminate massacre of the defenceless, unable to hit back. I had never experienced this before. I knew at first hand the craven degradation and cowardice of the atom mind.

CHRISTIANS ACCEPT GENOCIDE - I wrote in my diary:

"The atom bomb is the ultimate expression of cowardice; the ultimate affront to human dignity. And it is the denial of God ... How can one imagine a man, or a body of men, so lacking in humility, that they should dare to sit in conclave to pronounce utter destruction on countless thousands of their fellow men?"

And from that day a new world of loneliness and personal conflict opened out ahead of me. I am no pacifist. I will fight for my home at the frontiers of my country with personal weapons. But I will not pur-

chase life at the price of the mass annihilation of innocent people. Already it is estimated that the crime of genocide has accounted for 50 million people in this century, and it is calculated that for each child saved by modern hygiene and medical care, twenty adults are slaughtered by modern methods.

My attitude to this has put me outside the pale of what is called civilisation. Nearly all those with whom I was brought up, nearly all those with whom I loved to play and talk, nearly all Christians - newspaper men, bank managers, bus conductors, even many soldiers, believe apparently in the crime of genocide. Curiously they do not seem to believe in bacteriological warfare, and become quite indignant about it. It is quite right to shrivel people (especially coloured people) with napalm; quite right to destroy tens of thousands with atom bombs; quite right to work with desperate urgency to make practical the conversion of huge tracts of the world to an uninhabitable radio-active waste. Quite wrong to spread germs. Quite right, however to work hard on the means of spreading germs.

LEWIS MUMFORD SUMS UP - In these last months I have read the works of many scientists, medical men, scholars, and philosophers on these matters. I think that the American philosopher, Lewis Mumford, sums up the consensus of educated world opinion when he concludes that we are ruled by "moral imbeciles and psychotics." Here is a relevant passage from the third volume of his trilogy.

> "Western civilisation has now plainly come to a point where all the processes of disintegration and barbarism ... are fully in view: the faceless and heartless man, the gangster, the connoisseur of violence who has devaluated everything about life except the instruments for defacing it, the inventors of the extermination camp, the agents and potential practitioners of random violence who devise H bombs and biological instruments of genocide: all these are not merely in our midst but they include supposedly honourable and intelligent members of our society; the final proof of our extreme debasement. The processes of negation they have set in motion threaten to bring ruin to our civilisation...."

These conclusions seem inescapable to me, and I cannot escape from them waking or sleeping. I do not know how people like the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury reconcile genocide with Christianity. I know that most of the victims are coloured Asiatics just now, but Christ and the Virgin Mary were coloured too. So that even if all that Christ said is discounted, how do they discount the colour of his skin, and make Him "save" white men only? I don't know the answer to these simple questions.

MUST CALL A HALT - But I do know that the peace we seek cannot be purchased with atom bombs or by any means of indiscriminate mass massacre. I do know that peace cannot be built upon fear and hatred.

Day after day by our action, by our wanton destruction of Korea and its people from the air, we are burning down the last remaining bridge of hope between East and West and we are smearing and degrading our whole story. Day after day by our deeds we are hastening the hour of annihilation, and the suicide of civilisation.

It is time - God knows it is past time - to call a halt. The original rights and wrongs in Korea are already submerged in a maze of bestiality and horror, unmatched, I believe in all the human story.

The only answer must be the voice of civilisation arising from each individual human throat. Then and only then may this monstrous threat be lifted from our civilisation. The ultimate outrage must not be. It is now - or never.

Perhaps we are not all "moral imbeciles," but only moral cowards. Let us then find our courage, and find it fast.

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All threatening to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand,
They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's prince then rage,
In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail,
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word o'erthrows him.

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